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# Johnston's Dahlia Farm

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If you are a lover of flowers, especially the Dahlia, I believe you will be interested in some of my Northern Grown Bulbs.

You have possibly learned that the farther North the bulbs are grown the more pep they have and the better the blooms will be.

I grow my bulbs in NORTHERN MICHIGAN, about 300 miles north of Detroit, but on LAKE MICHIGAN shore. On U. S. 31.

The bulbs are field grown and not killed nor weakened by the use of strong fertilizers, for the purpose of making large blooms.

I take most orders while the Dahlias are in bloom in the field, as then you can see them in their real beauty, in this way you get the natural description, and it takes a choice Dahlia to hold space in my collection. otherwise it is discarded.

This is my reason for not issuing a catalogue, and I am here only giving prices on a few of my choice varieties. I quote the Dahlias by the single strong division and guarantee them to grow. But I quote the Gladiolus by the dozen, but will sell in half dozen.

Johnston's Dahlias are different for he is "The Originator" of many of his choice varieties and no other commercial growers have them.

Each year I am adding on to my choice list the choicest varieties that other companies in the United States have produced.

I hold my customers by fair dealing and get new ones by the same method.

Many of these blooms are from 8 to 12 inches in diameter.

	Each
Amun Ra. Copper and Orange Shadings .....	\$ .75
Ambassador. Soft Buff and Yellow .....	.50
American Legion. Lemon Yellow .....	1.00
Amelia Earhart. Very Large Coral and Apricot Buff .....	5.00
Bashful. Apricot with Gold Shadings .....	.50
Bag Dad. Scarlet Flame .....	.75
Barbara REDFORD. Giant Bronze and Rose .....	.75
Beauty Supreme. Beautiful Lavender .....	.75
Chemars Eureka. White and Lavender .....	.50
Champoeg. Lemon Yellow .....	.50
Countess Of Londale. Cactus Salmon Pink .....	.25
City of Trenton. Tangerine and Crushed Strawberry Red .....	1.00
Cigarett. White Shading to Red .....	.50
Dorothy Stone. True Pink .....	.50
Dr. Tevis. Salmon Rose With Old Gold .....	.50
Dwight W. Morrow. Deep Rich Cardinal .....	1.00
Eastern Star. A lively Coloring of Salmon Yellow .....	1.00
Eagle Rock Fantasy. Large Mallow Pink .....	2.00
Eliza C. Bull. White .....	.50
Edna Ferber. Coral and Old Gold .....	.50
Favorite Peach. (JOHNSTON) A Lovley Pink .....	.75
Fort Monmouth. A Giant of Rich Crimson .....	.75
Fragrant Yellow. (JOHNSTON) Beautiful Yellow .....	1.00
Frank Miller. Yellow .....	.50
Fort Washington. Mahogany Red .....	.50

	Each
Governor Clark. (JOHNSTON) Large Salmon Rose .....	1.00
Governor MacCorkle. (JOHNSTON) Beautiful Lavender Pink ..	.50
George Walters. Salmon Rose .....	.50
Gayety. Combination of Beautiful Colors .....	.75
Girl of Hilcrest. Bright Milkado Orange .....	1.50
Harry Myres. Silver Pink and Rose .....	.50
Insuline. Large Rich Saffron Yellow .....	.50
Jane Cowl. A Warm Buff and Old Gold .....	.50
Jean Kerr. White small .....	.25
Jessy Day. Golden Bronze .....	.75
Josephine G. Rose Pink .....	.75
John Wanamaker. Mauve .....	.50
Jim Moore. Golden Yellow .....	1.00
Jean Trimbee. Petunia Pink .....	1.00
Jersey Beauty. Worlds Best Pink .....	.50
Jersey Beacon. Large Chinese Red .....	.50
Jersey Triumph. Copper and Orange .....	.75
Jersey Glory. Orange and Yellow .....	.75
Jersey Masterpiece. Crushed Strawberry .....	1.50
Jersey Supreme. Salmon Orange .....	.75
Jersey Dainty. White and Pink .....	3.00
Jersey Majestic. Salmon Old Gold and Rose .....	3.00
Kathleen Noris. Very Large Rose Pink .....	.75
Kanawha. (JOHNSTON) Large Deep Velvety Red .....	.75
Kentucky. Salmon Orange and Pink .....	.75
Kemps Violet Wonder. Large Rich Violet Shadings .....	.75
Kitty Dunlop. Deep Carmon Rose .....	.75
Keweah. Very Large Rich Fuschia, 12 to 15 inches .....	3.00
Marmion. Large beautiful Yellow .....	.75
Maude Adams. Florist white and lavender .....	.25
Mary Belle Johnston. (JOHNSTON) Pink with White Points ....	.75
Monmouth Champion. Large Brilliant Flame .....	.75
Margrett Woodrow Willson. Pink to Cerese White .....	.75
Mrs. Clara Galster McCabe. (JOHNSTON) Salmon .....	.75
Mrs. Ida De. Van. Warner. Orchid .....	.50
Mrs. Dr. Henderson. (JOHNSTON) Yellow .....	.50
Mrs. Ora Gay. (JOHNSTON) Orange and Saffron .....	.50
Mrs. J. R. Thomas. (JOHNSTON) Dark Red with White Points ..	.75
Mrs. A. Loeb. (JOHNSTON) Beautiful Yellow .....	2.00
Mrs. Leo Keiler. (JOHNSTON) Flame .....	.50
Mrs. Pearl Cart (JOHNSTON) Fringed Flame .....	.50
Mrs. Lazarus. (JOHNSTON) Beautiful Purple and White .....	.75
Miss Charlevoix. (JOHNSTON) Large Light Red tinged with Red	.75
Mina Burtle. Beautiful Cardinal .....	.25
Murphys Masterpiece. Immense Dark Red .....	5.00
Millionaire. Large Lavender and Pink .....	.75
Marie Hutman. Yellow Cactus .....	.25
Miss Elsie. (JOHNSTON) Beautiful Orchid .....	.75
Mrs. A. C. Fischer. (JOHNSTON) Beautiful Yellow .....	1.00
Mr. Crawley. Salmon Pink and Yellow .....	.50
Mrs. Gardner Cassett. Pink .....	.50
Nathan Hale. Salmon .....	.75
Orinda. Roseland Purple .....	1.00
Omar Klayyan. Chinese Red and Orange .....	.75
Patric Oh Mara. Shades of Autumn Buff .....	.50
Powder Puff. (JOHNSTON) Large Beautiful Salmon .....	.75
Prudence. (JOHNSTON) Purple .....	.75
Prof. L. R. Taft. (JOHNSTON) Morello Cherry Red .....	.75
Pride of Michigan. Cherry Red .....	5.00

	Each
Prince of Persia. Cardinal .....	.75
Palo Alto. Very Large Pinkish Salmon .....	2.00
Pride of Stratford. Golden Copper Red .....	1.00
Prince of Persia. Scarlet Red .....	1.50
Pots of Gold. Clear Yellow .....	2.50
Porthus. Dark Crimson .....	.50
Princess Julian .....	
Queen of the Garden Beautiful. Large Primrose Yellow .....	.75
Queen of Belgium .....	
Queen of Yellows .....	.75
Roseata. Soft Pink .....	.75
Rose Fallon. Old Rose .....	.75
Rose Nell. Orchid .....	.75
Robert Emmett. Large Velvety Cardinal Red .....	5.00
Ruth Vaughn. Beautiful Pink and one half larger than Jersey Beauty	1.00
Sunbeam. Salmon Pompom. ....	.25
Siskeyou. Pinkish Mauve .....	.75
Sagamore. Bronze .....	.50
Sea Shell. (JOHNSTON) Shell Pink .....	.75
Salmon Supreme. Salmon Orange and Pink .....	.75
Satan. Red Tipped with Gold .....	1.50
Somerset. Large Salmon, Rose and Lavender .....	.75
Snow Drift. Very large pure white .....	.50
Star of Bethlehem. Beautiful Star like White .....	1.00
Sunburst. Buff .....	.50
THOMAS EDISON. ROYAL PURPLE .....	1.00
The World. Rosy Garnett Silver Shadings .....	.75
Treasure Isle. Apricot and Gold .....	1.00
The Commodore. Large Lemon Yellow .....	.75
Waldeim Sunshine. Immense Yellow .....	1.00
Watching Wonder. Royal Red .....	1.00
White Wonder. Large White .....	1.50
Worlds Best White. White .....	.75
Yankey King. Autumn and Rose .....	.50
Yankey Queen. Light Pink .....	.50
W. H. T. Old Rose .....	.50
U. S. A. Salmon .....	.50

#### MY BIG TEN OFFER

(These ten originally, when first originated, cost \$75.00)

One Bashful Giant — One George Walters — One Jane Cowl, which, alone cost \$15.00 — One Jersey Beauty, the worlds best pink. Jersey Beacon as measured 14 inches — Monmouth Champion  
 Mrs. Ida De Van Warner — Queen of the Garden Beautiful — THOMAS EDISON, A ROYAL PURPLE,  
 and a beauty — Snow Drift, a beauty and  
 very large.

#### HARDY LILY BULBS

Coral Lily or Tenuifolium .....	12 for \$1.50
Lemon Lily .....	12 for 1.50
Unbellatium or Candlestick .....	12 for 2.50
Double Tiger .....	12 for 2.00
Regal Lily, each 25c or .....	12 for 2.50
Candidum or Madonna, 25c each .....	12 for 2.50

Glads — Many kinds at 50c per doz; mixed, 30 for \$1.00, or 100 for \$2.50.

## WHY I GROW THE CHOICEST DAHLIAS

From year to year I get new varieties of dahlias both my own originating and the choicest of other originaorts of fine dahlias, and when better dahlias are originated I shall endeavor to have them to offer to you. I try and keep my number of varieties down by only having the better of the old varieties, and the very best of the new varieties. My customers in buying DAHLIAS from me may do so with the definite assurance that my list of dahlias will constantly improve as newer varieties are made available.

My prices have been lowered in keeping with the times and I am sure you will find listed here many varieties that will make a wonderful addition to your garden.

As to planting dahlias and keeping the roots, every one has his or her own way and I would say that if it satisfactory to you, do not change it.

I would suggest the following, and if you are not having satisfactory results, this may be of great use to you.

When you receive the bulbs in the spring about the first of May, keep them away from heat and air as it may cause them to dry out and they will shrivel up, and if they do shrivel up some, then you may moisten them; it will not injure them to do so.

Plant them sometime after May fifteen and June ten, late planting preferred to early for best results, as they are not a summer flower, but like the cool weather better in the fall.

They can be planted from thirty to thirty six inches apart and about six inches deep, and placed on the side, but never on end.

If they grow very high place a stake at the bud end at time of planting, and after they get a good start you may pinch out the center and they will not grow so tall, but will branch out.

If you want enormous blooms, and not so many blooms, pinch off the outer buds and leave the center one.

A good time to dig the roots is about ten day after a killing frost, and then the bulbs are ripened.

When the bulbs are dry place them in the cellar that will not freeze, yet one that is not damp, not a real hot cellar, but one that will keep frost out, if not, you may place the tubers in some dry peat moss; it will keep away the heat, also the cold.

At planting time is when you should do your dividing of the clumps. Make divisions so there will only be one eye to the hill, as one is better than half a dozen is my experience, then you will get flowers, not a lot of brush.

Do not make your garden too rich for dahlias. Any good vegetable garden ought to grow good dahlias.

Cow manure, worked into the soil in the fall, is the best for most any kind of flowers, but do not let fresh manure come in contact with any bulbs. Yet any good potash fertilizer will be all right if care is used so as not to let it come in contact with the bulbs, nor foliage, as it will burn it, and may kill it.

By following these suggestions you should have wonderful success if you are growing NORTHERN GROWN BULBS.

Sincerely yours,

JOEL JOHNSTON